

Workplace Skills Standards Rationale

Most students will spend more than a third of their lives in a diverse and constantly changing workplace. Regardless of personal, career, or educational plans, students must demonstrate proficiency both in academics and the following workplace standards.

The Workplace Skills Standards are designed to be integrated into the traditional curriculum taught in schools at all levels and are most effectively learned in the context of an integrated effort involving parents, educators, business partners and members of the community. Student acquisition of critical workplace skills, with an emphasis on application, is a developmental process which encompasses an individual's entire lifetime. The demonstration of these skills is essential for individuals and contributes to the foundation of an educated citizenry.

Table 1. Workplace Skills Standards

STANDARD 1

Students use principles of effective oral, written and listening communication skills to make decisions and solve workplace problems.

STANDARD 2

Students apply computation skills and data analysis techniques to make decisions and solve workplace problems.

STANDARD 3

Students apply critical and creative thinking skills to make decisions and solve workplace problems.

STANDARD 4

Students work individually and collaboratively within team settings to accomplish objectives.

STANDARD 5

Students demonstrate a set of marketable skills which enhance career options.

STANDARD 6

Students illustrate how social, organizational and technological systems function.

STANDARD 7

Students demonstrate technological literacy for productivity in the workplace.

STANDARD 8

Students apply principles of resource management and develop skills that promote personal and professional well-being.